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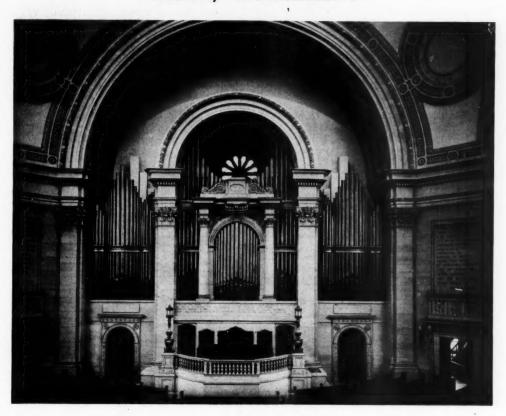
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Casals, Pablo, by Lillian Littlehales, 6x9, 232 pages, illustrated, Norton & Co. \$3.75, Aug. 244.

Chimes and Electronic Carillons, by Paul D. Peery, 7x10, 146 pages, illustrated, John Day Co. \$3.75, Jan. 8, Nov. 364. Christmas, prepared by Randolph E. Hangen, 11x14, 68 pages, Augsburg \$1.00, Nov. 372.

Contemporary American Organ, by Dr. Wm. H. Barnes, 8x10, 349 pages, illustrated, J. Fischer & Bro. \$4.75, March 74. Counterpoint Manual, by Ernest Kanitz, 8x12, 65 pages, Birchard \$2.00, June 184.

Design in Music, by Gerald Abraham, 4x6, 55 pages, Oxford University Press \$1.00, Nov. 372.

Guideposts for the Church Musician, by Paul Swarm, 11x12, Church Music Foundation \$10.00, Nov. 372, 407.

Instant Modulator, devised by Harold M. Smith, 9x5 cardboard with slide, Marvin Music Co. \$2.00, May 148, Dec. 455. Modulation in Theory and Practice, by Dr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 9x12, 153 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. \$4.00, Sept. 288, Oct. 326, Nov. 368, 378.

True Art of Playing Keyboard Instruments, by C. P. E. Bach, 6x9, 449 pages, thematics, Norton \$6.00, March 76, April 111.

SONATAS AND SUITES

DeLamarter, Dr. Eric, Thumb-Box Sketches, 16 pages, md, Witmark \$1.50, Feb. 40.

Langlais, Jean, Suite Francaise, 45 pages, 10 movements, Gray \$2.75, Nov. 364.

Taylor, Alfred, Nativity Miniatures, 10 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.25, Sept. 278.

Templeton, Alec, Suite Noel, 14p, me, Gray \$1.25, Nov.

Weitz, Guy, Sonata 2, Chester, \$7.50, July 216.

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Album of Organ Music for Christmas, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.50, Oct. 336.

Brahms' Organ Works, ed. Gerard Alphenaar, two volumes, Marks \$1.25 each, Jan. 6.

Church Music for the Smallest Organ, ed. Gordon Balch Nevin, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.00, July 218.

Compositions for Organ and Bells, Twelve, 53 pages, Presser \$1.25, Dec. 422.

Daquin, Claude, New Book of Noels, Vol. 2, ed. E. Power Biggs, 36 pages, Music Press \$3.00, Jan. 6.

Dubois, Theo., ed. Dr. T. Tertius Noble, six pieces, 38 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.50, Aug. 244, 250.

First Four Centuries of Music for the Organ, by John Klein, two volumes, Associated, \$20.00 for the two, Jan. 10, Oct. 325. Franck, Cesar, Three Chorales, ed. Joseph Bonnet, J. Fischer & Bro. \$2.50 for the three, March 80.

Free Organ Accompaniments to 50 Hymns, by Dr. T. Tertius Noble, 9x12, 46 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. \$2.50, March 74. Masterpieces of Organ Music, Vol. 61 to 65, Liturgical

Music Press \$1.00 a volume, Aug. 248, Oct. 332, 333. McGrath, Joseph J., Divertimenti, Twenty-Four, 50 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. \$2.00, May 144, June 186.

Modern Anthology, ed. Dr. David McK. Williams, 9x13, 209 pages, 27 pieces, 24 composers, Gray \$12.00, Oct. 332,

334, 336. Organ Masterpieces, ed. Robert L. Bedell, 160 pages, 31

pieces, Amsco \$1.25, Feb. 43, March 73, 78.
Organ Music, ed. Dr. Roland Diggle, 60 pieces, Amsco \$1.25, Jan. 5.

Wedding and Sacred Music for Organ, ed. Dr. Roland Diggle, 63 pieces, Amsco \$1.25, April 109, 112.

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Maxwell & Wirges, "Generation of the Word of God," 63

pages, Maxwell-Wirges \$1.25, Sept. 280.

Maxwell & Wirges, "Glorification of the Word," 51 pages,
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McKay, George F., "Lincoln Lyrics," Birchard \$1.60, Feb.

Rowley, Alec, "Garden and Cross," 54 pages, Gray \$1.00, Jan. 8, Feb. 42.

Van Hulse, Camil, "The Beatitudes," 39 pages, FitzSimons 75c, Feb. 40.

Wagner, ar. Charlotte Garden, "Eucharist Music from Parsifal," J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.25, Feb. 46.

White, Louie, "Praise to the Risen Lord," 14 pages, Gray 60c, March 72, April 108.

VOCAL COLLECTIONS

"Oxford American Psalter," ed. Ray F. Brown, 6x9, 242 pages, Oxford University Press, Nov. 374.

'Responses for the Service," by Dr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 20 pages, J. Fischer & Bro. 50c, Sept. 282. PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

Bach Album, played by E. Power Biggs, Nov. 230. Franck, Cesar, Three Chorales, played by Marcel Dupre,

Decca \$13.00, April 128.

French Organ Music, played by E. Power Biggs, 5 12" disks, Columbia MM-802, \$7.25, March 85, April 140, May 157,

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FAVORITE ORGAN PIECES

The reviewers' favorites do not include transcriptions, hymntune pieces, nor those considered by their composers no better than required for the Hammond electrotone.

Clark, Florence D., Carillon, Ef, 6p, me, Elkan-Vogel 90c, Oct. page 332.

DeLamarter, Dr. Eric, Thumb-Box Sketches, 7 movements, 16p, me, Witmark \$1.50, Feb. 40.

Diggle, Dr. Roland, A. Summer Nocturne, Ef, 5p, e, Elkan-Vogel 70c, Feb. 40.

Kountz, Richard, Shepherd's Prayer, G, 4p, e, Galaxy 75c,

Oct. 332. Marriott, Frederick, Cathedral at Night, Em, 6p, e, Gray 75c, Oct. 332.

Marriott, Frederick, Moonlight on the Lake, Cm, 16p, d,

Gray \$1.50, Jan. 6. Nieland, Jan, Marche Triomphale, Cm, 5p, md, Elkan-Vogel \$1.50, March 68.

Ross, Orvis, Cantabile, B, 5p, me, Summy 75c, April 104. Salvador, Mario, Scherzo, Gm, 8p, md, Witmark \$1.00, Dec.

Van Dessel, Lode, Choral, 10p, md, Elkan-Vogel \$2.00, April 104.

Van Hulse, Camil, Ricercata Quasi Fantasie, Bf, 11p, d, Witmark \$1.50, Dec. 420.

FAVORITE ANTHEMS

The reviewers' favorites do not include arrangements or an-

thems for other than the normal four parts.

Dickinson, Dr. Clarence, "Up-Hill," Af, 7p, md, Gray 16c May page 146.

Edmundson, Garth, "God be in my head," A, 2p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. 12c, Sept. 280.

Effinger, Cecil, "Sing we merrily unto God," Am, 18p, o, d, Gray 25c, Sept. 280.

Elmore, Robert, "Lord Jesus think on me," 8p, o, me, Gray 18c, Sept. 280.

Goldsworthy, Wm. A., "Let all the world," F, 7p, e, Flam-

Hall, Robert, "Gloria," D, 3p, me, Broadcast 15c, Dec. 424.

Lovelace, Austin C., "Let this mind be in you," A, 8p, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 20c, May 146.
Marryott, Ralph E., "O Jesu Thou hast lived our life," Af,

5p, u, e, Presser 18c, May 146.
Miles, Russell H., "God's Eternal Plan," C, 7p, o, me, FitzSimons 18c, Feb. 38.

Pasquet, Jean, "Prayer for Freedom," 4p, e, Morris 16c,

Redmond, John, "Pray together," G, 5p, e, Morris 16c, July 212.

Shackley, George, "Put on the whole armor," C, 9p, d,

Maxwell-Wirges 20c, Feb. 38.
Swinnen, Firmin, "Blessed art Thou," D, 8p, me, Summy 18c, April 106.

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*AE—Bach-ar.Goldsworthy—"This Day Hath He Arisen," Em, 12p, md, Gray 20c, from the cantata "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison," English text, piano accompaniment which should have been organ. It makes a grand Easter anthem for the better choirs, though because Bach knew his business so well, it is within reach of any industrious choir and will be understood by even average congregations. Music like this is eminently well suited to the average choir, if the organist can play the accompaniment without fumbling; it won't be too easy. The passage beginning on page 6 is the kind of music only Bach could ever write—simple but going straight to the heart. Actually it amounts to a young cantata.

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AP—W. Glen Darst—"Ride on in majesty," F, 8p, e, Gray 18c, H.H.Milman text. Opens with a grand unison and the music flows on without running into any of the dead-end streets that stop so much contemporary anthem-writing. It's not going to displace "The Palms" and nobody wants it to, but it does give another Palm Sunday number that will be ideal for all choirs and all churches. That almost-monotone passage on page 4 is another grand inspiration. Everybody get this one. It is real church music, yet without attempts anywhere to entertain anyone.

A2E—Hermene W. Eichhorn—"Christ the Lord is risen today," D, 4p, e, Gray 15c, C.Wesley text, a sober little waltz in 3-8 rhythm for churches that like children's choirs and such things. The children will like it

such things. The children will like it.

A8L—Margrethe Hokanson—"Gethsemane," 4p, u, md,
J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, L.C.Stryker text, a serious anthem that
should be confined to serious choirs and organists capable
of dealing with unexpected things and occasional dramatic
attempts. The average choir would make nothing of it, but
our best organizations should be able to convey a real message
to the congregation.

A6E-F. Broadus Staley-"Bell Carol," G, 5p, u, md, Gray

18c, J.R.Staley text, "klang klang" in the chorus against which a soprano and contralto soloist sing a 2-part "alleluia." Presumably written for the average volunteer choir and quite within their capacity to understand. Music like this demands a bit of showmanship; whether or not that fits your church, is for you to decide. Does Easter call for this sort of thing? One of our soberest publishers of church music seems to think it does.

AE—Camil Van Hulse—"Ye sons and daughters," Gm, 11p, me, FitzSimons 20c. Genuine organ score for parts of it. The publishers give the voice-range of each of the four parts—an excellent idea. "One of the most beautiful 15th century French melodies is realistically related in this composition to an organ background which unostentatiously enhances the text," say the publishers. Opens with a hard organ introduction, then unison voices humming the grand old theme, which later they use with words. Structure and writing-technic are excellent, and it's put into a rather big pattern; since the ancient theme dominates the whole work, it should be welcome in many churches. A bit on the spectacular side here & there, the organ always playing a prominent part, as it should. All good organists should look this over for themselves, though many of them would be safe in ordering it without prior inspection.

A8E—Maurice C. Whitney—"The Easter Story," Bf, 7p, u, me, Gray 18c, a telling of the Easter story in a new way that has much to recommend it, and music that is quite tuneful, simple, direct, to the point. A great many choirs will do it well and please their congregations with it. Not likely to be duplicated in any other Easter anthem. Mr. Whitney does not say who wrote the text, so probably he did; a splendid job of it too. The more we think it over, the more we like it. Nothing horrible in it anywhere, all sane harmonies, conservative but convice melodies.

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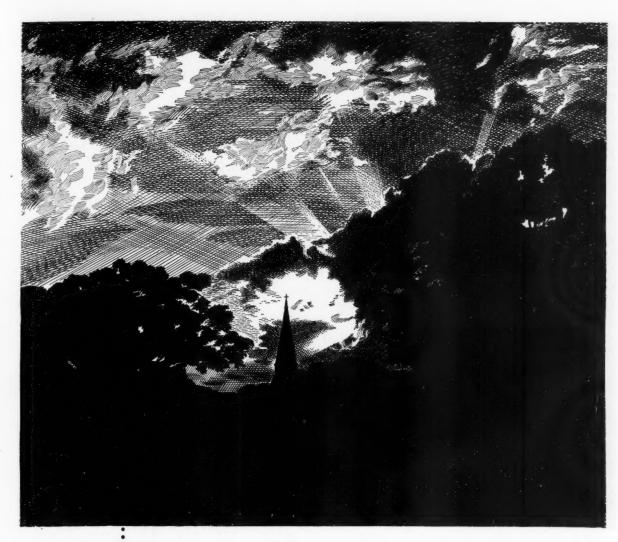
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H. Leroy Baumgartner, "Say not that Christ is dead," 10p, vd, Ditson, some 8-part writing but listed here in spite of it

because none but the best choirs should try it.

Joseph W. Clokey, "Christ Conquereth," 10p, o, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, good themes, good workmanship, a bit on the modernistic trend and hence only for good congregations, but one of the fine Easter pieces.

Joseph W. Clokey, "Hymn Exultant," 9p, md, Gray 15c, and another Easter anthem worth doing wherever there is a

competent chorus.

Dr. Clarence Dickinson, "In Joseph's lovely garden," 8p, me, Gray 15c, a bit of Easter loveliness in music rather than a shout of triumph like the others mentioned. Any average

Wm. A. Goldsworthy, "An Easter Antiphon," 10p, me, Gray 16c, for adult chorus and 2-part junior choir or anti-phonal voices, one of the finest of Easter anthems.

Wm. A. Goldsworthy, "A Child's Easter," 4p, e, Gray 15c, for 2-part junior choir with obbligato parts for senior sopranos and contraltos; can be used for 2-part women's voices without

Wm. A. Goldsworthy, "Dawn in the Garden," 12p, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, for combined senior and junior choirs, fine music for antiphonal work in any way the organist chooses. Dr. Philip James, "Hail dear Conqueror," vd, Schirmer,

an unusually fine anthem for the best of choirs, with lots of the real Easter jubilation.

Wm. R. Voris, "Joy dawns on Easter day," 8p, e, Gray 15c, another jubilant anthem, for any choir, any congregation.
Pietro Yon, "Christ Triumphant," 12p, me, J. Fischer &

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A1E-Hermene W. Eichhorn-"Song for Easter," Gray 15c, a fine unison chorus for junior choir; quaint melody, joyous in character, and sparkling rhythm. The changing

accompaniment gives variety throughout.

*AÊ-French-ar.Whitney-"Easter Carol," J. Fischer & Bro. 16c, a fine anthem that rollicks along like a Christmas carol, joyous rhythms, fine melody, with a different arrangement for each stanza, the second being imitative, almost like

a round. It should be popular.

AE—Marion Ohlson—"Now is the triumph," Gray 16c, another good addition to the repertoire for combined junior and adult choirs; singable, with a good part for the juniors,

and a clear moving organ part that will be welcome.

AL—Olive N. Russell—"Jesu Son of the Living God," .Fischer & Bro. 16c, a fine strong anthem for Lent or Holy Week. Based on parts of the Creed, it grows in intensity to a great height at the Crucifixus. Recommended also for communion service.

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Some Music Reviews By Dr. ROLAND DIGGLE

Who says just what he thinks in a manner never lacking conviction

*Bach-ar.Means-Slumber on O Weary Spirit, 5p, Gray 75c, a lovely service prelude admirably arranged, from Cantata 82; it cannot fail to prove popular with organists everywhere.

Seth Bingham-Prelude on Festal Song, 4p, Gray 75c, on the Guild list of examination pieces this year, which gives you an idea as to the type of music it is; I like the last twelve measures quite well.

Dr. Roberta Bitgood—Choralprelude on Jewels, 4p, Gray 75c, a charming number on the tune associated with "Little children who love their Redeemer." Nothing pretentious about it, but your congregation will love it-and heaven only knows they are entitled to hear something like this once in a while. Middle part with the theme in the pedals on a 4' stop may give you some trouble; on my organ I couple a 4' stop from the Great to the Pedal and play an octave lower. Some of us do not have top-G on the Pedal.

Dr. T. Frederick H. Candlyn-Rhapsody on Sursum Corda, 8p, Gray 75c, in which the wellknown organist of St. Thomas Church, New York, does a splendid job with a short theme. It is a rhapsody in every sense of the word and gives the performer ample opportunity for effective registration using all the equipment of a large instrument. It is of moderate difficulty and suitable for service or recital; you will enjoy it.

Charles Cowell-Choralprelude on Windsor, 3p, Gray 75c, another excellent service prelude, on the tune usually sung to "Jesu our Lenten fast." Easy to play, it has freshness that will go a long way towards making it a favorite

*Daquin-ar.Biggs-The Cuckoo, 6p, Gray 75c, a jolly little recital number; no pedal, and only two stops required

for its performance.

Frederick C. Schreiber-Solemn Prelude, 4p, Gray 75c, again a first-rate service prelude containing some excellent music. It starts softly, builds to a fine climax, and ends softly; as this is the sort of thing organists are always asking for, it should find many friends. Not too difficult; I

believe you will enjoy playing it; I know I do. Dr. Leo Sowerby—Choralprelude on Palisades, 7p, Gray 75c, a fairly difficult number based on the Composer's tune in the 1940 Episcopal Hymnal. This is typical Sowerby music and calls for careful playing; the tune is not too well known but the piece will stand on its own feet and should make an excellent prelude or postlude for any service.

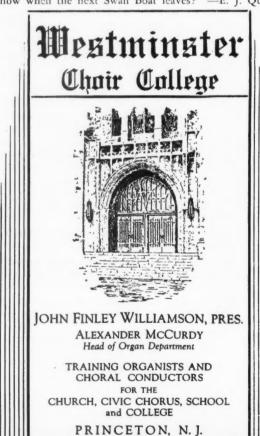
William Stickles-Best Loved Ballads, Chappell 60c for the thousands who have electrotones in their homes or who play in lodges and similar places, this series of arrangements will prove invaluable. Here in Los Angeles there are some 50 lodge-rooms and small auditoriums that have electrotones, and there are hundreds of homes where people get real enjoyment from such instruments. Little or nothing has been done for them by way of providing attractive original music or easy arrangements of wellknown melodies. They have had to use a piano score, or play regular organ music 90% of which bores their listeners to death. Mr. Stickles does a first-rate job in arranging such music as d'Hardelot's Because, Adams' Bells of St. Mary, etc. All are published separately and make a real addition to the entertainer's library

Camil Van Hulse-Symphonia Mystica, 46p, J. Fischer & Bro. \$3.00, a large-scale work that deserves the attention of all who are interested in contemporary American organ The Composer has given us a number of first-rate recital pieces; this is perhaps his most important work to date. It consists of Prelude, Meditation, Scherzo, Intermezzo, and Finale; it is quite difficult. I heard Alexander Schreiner play it twice on tour, and I doubt very much if anyone will give a finer performance than he gave in Los Angeles. It comes off better than it looks, which is especially true of the last movement. I find Scherzo and Prelude the most attractive, and the two slow movements the least. I have an idea Scherzo will prove most popular; it makes an excellent recital number by itself. It has originality and, given the right registration, it makes a stunning number. The work is gotten out in the usual excellent Fischer style and is a joy to play from. It will be interesting to see how many of our top recitalists give it a hearing.

Homer Whitford-Five Chorale Paraphrases, 19p, Gray \$1.25. I am always pleased to review music of real practical value to average organists looking for service music. This second set of Paraphrases is even better than the first which has proved so popular. In the first place, they are not so difficult, and secondly they are more churchly. Tunes are, sans quotes, Coronation, Beecher, Dundee, Greenland, St. Anne, all known & used in every denomination. They vary from three to five pages and will prove effective on a small 2m instrument. Personally I like Greenland and St. Anne best, but all five are first-rate and I strongly advise every one of you the get a copy and use it. At 25c a number you can't go wrong financially.

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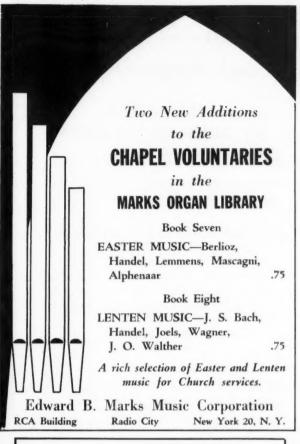
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Before Composer:
"—Arrangement.
A—Anthem (for church).
C—Chorus (secular).
O—Oratorio-cantata-opera form.
M—Men's voices.
J—Junior choir.
J—Tyren-part etc.

J-Junior choir.
3-Three-part, etc.
4+-Partly 4-part plus, etc.
Mixed voices and straight 4-part if
not otherwise indicated.

Additional Cap-letters, next after above, refer to:
A—Ascension. N—New Year.
C—Christmas. P—Palm Sunday.
E—Easter. S—Special.
G—Good Friday. T—Thanksgiving.
L—Lent.

After Title:

After Title:
c. q. cq. —Chorus, quartet, chorus
(preferred) or quartet, quartet
(preferred) or chorus.
s.a.t.b.l.m.—Soprano, alto, tenor,
bass, high-voice, low-voice, mediumvoice solos (or duets etc. if hyphenated.)
o.u.—Organ accompaniment, or unaccompanied.
e.d.m.v.—Easy, difficult, moderately,
very.

very.
3p.—3 pages, etc.
3-p.—3-part writing, etc.
At.Bm.Cs—A-flat, B-minor, C-sharp.

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—Bass solo.
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—Harp.
—Junior choir.
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—Organ.
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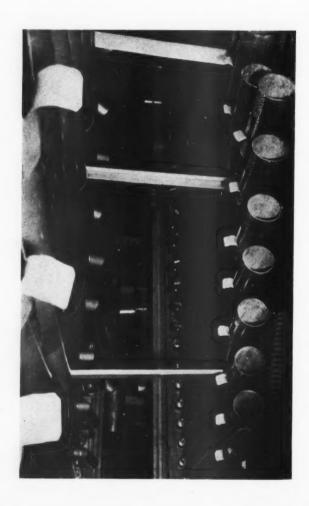
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DOWN IN THAT DISMAL CANYON where the organ-tuner wends his weary way, bombing on the left of him, booming on the right, and there's no escape when the 32' Bombarde starts its song—but it looked pretter in the December 1949 pictures, didn't 17! It's the same old 32' Bombarde of Aeolian-Skinner's Salt Lake City organ.



THE AMERICAN ORGANIST

January 1950

Boston Symphony Hall's Third Organ

By the Hon. EMERSON RICHARDS

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HERE have been observations in more than twenty languages, both ancient and modern, on the impossibility of transmuting a sow's ear into a silk purse. Whatever truth in this adage there may have been in the past, in this age of scientific miracles even less promising materials than a pig's ear have been translated into even more modern and socially acceptable objects than a silk purse. Indeed, it would appear less difficult to turn the afore-said ear into a sumptuous leather wallet suitable for usage in the best of society than, let us say, trying to turn a mediocre organ into a conversion that results in nothing more useful than an effeminate and decadent silk purse which, again, is very much like turning the aforesaid organ into a romantic organ.

We are moved to consider this alleged impossibility, as stated in the proverb, by what has recently occurred in the case of the Boston Symphony organs. If G. Donald Harrison has ever heard of this saying, or its application to organs, he must, as a good military man, have undertaken the project in the spirit of the army's slogan, "What is difficult is done at once; what is impossible takes a little longer." For something like a miracle has happened at Symphony Hall.

Here we must hasten to lay aside our analogy, since we are not conversant with the musical perception of the aural organ of the genus Sus, feminine gender. We cannot say that any relationship exists between such an ear and that of the gentleman who insists that he built the original Symphony Hall job. We may only observe that if the musical taste and auditory perception of the lady pig had been employed in the voicing of the old organ, there might have been less for Mr. Harrison to do

When we wrote about the Hutchings organ as built by his foreman, E. M. Skinner (see September 1949 T.A.O.) we promised to complete the article by a report on the new organ. We predicted there would be a big improvement over the old instrument. Mr. Harrison seems to exhibit his genius best when working with unpromising but basically sound pipes. It is not the kind of work he relishes. It is too much like raising someone else's child only to have its misconceived ancestry gain the ascendency over attempted rehabilitation. But it does present a kind of challenge Mr. Harrison accepts, and the result here obtained is pure magic.

In the case of the Symphony Hall organ, the fund available for the new organ was less than two-thirds the amount necessary for the size and quality desired. Since a new console, new chests and action were imperative, it was obvious that much of the old pipework had to be used. Moreover, the old 3-57 was to be increased to a 4-67.

An examination of the old pipework showed that many of

When the Boston Symphony decided to get an organ that would match its own classic excellence, it gave its chosen builder its confidence as well as its money. Here's an organ built without the handicap of advice both uninformed and unwanted.

the pipes were of good material, well made but badly voiced. Could these pipes be used in an organ of radically different design? Would Mr. Harrison's magic wand work?

design? Would Mr. Harrison's magic wand work?

There was one great advantage. The Aeolian-Skinner factory was a scant two miles away. There was no problem of transportation, and key men were instantly available to solve the many problems arising in a reconstruction job. Between July and October 1949 the old organ was removed, new action installed, and such of the pipes as could be used were revoiced to suit their new function.

Symphony Hall now has an organ of outstanding quality. It is not a perfect instrument. Considering the conditions, it could not be; but it is by far one of the finest musical instruments in New England. Since primarily it is for use with the orchestra, it is an ensemble instrument meant to fit into the orchestral ensemble, and that it does to a remarkable degree. There were times during the opening concerts when one could hardly tell when the orchestra had stopped and the organ was playing alone.

All that mendacious propaganda to the effect that Harrison organs lacked fire, that classic organs were cold, had no color, melted into the mist of malicious envy from which they emanated. Such charges become ridiculous when one hears this organ and the orchestra together. The color of one is reflected in the color of the other. There could be no more complete vindication for this type of organ than that offered in Symphony Hall.

The full organ is brilliantly commanding, the tone is clear, warm and musical. There is a masculine virility, a forthrightness of attack and a certain authority of tone one finds only in the classic ensemble. The dynamic effect is big and easily fills the large hall which, in turn, appears to be quite sympathetic to organ tone.

The Great Organ is not a big division, comprising only twelve voices, but it is harmonically well developed and the total effect is on the big side. The 16' Violone is the old Pedal voice. We mentioned in the September pages that it had some good notes. Now it is all good. It now has a broad Geigen tone and is of rather bigger scale than usual for a manual double. It stands up to the bold mixtures and does a good job in the ensemble. The 8' Principal is the standard Harrison voice. Not of big scale, and on light wind. It is not a commanding voice. It has a bright singing quality of

moderate power that fits into the chorus without being obtrusive. The Geigen was the old Choir Geigenprincipal, and here occurred one of the Harrison miracles. The old rank was a thoroughly nasty voice. I was present while the change was being wrought. The treatment was radical and the result almost unbelievable. Now it is a fine register of broad smooth string quality that makes it an excellent second to the

The Grossfloete was so good originally that it just had to be preserved as a solo voice. The choice of position is unfortunate: in my opinion, it seems to cloud the chorus. Messrs. Covell and Gammons like this added weight in the ensemble, but we all agree that it should have gone on the Bombarde division where it could have been used with the reeds as well as in solo.

The Spitzfloete is the old Great Gemshorn and, like the Geigen, has been completely transformed into a small Diapason of pleasing quality. The 51/3' Quint comes from the old Great 4' Octave and does not seem to be very influential. In fact, neither of the two Quints appears to do very much to the chorus when the mixtures are on; I begin to wonder whether the expense of having these Quints as separate voices is worth while, or whether the money would not be better spent in a classic Cornet. Some like the balance of the Quints, but I believe that if they are to help the chorus and not just individual combinations they must be made stronger.

BOSTON, MASS. Symphony Hall Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co. Dedicated, Oct. 7, 1949 E. Power Biggs & Boston Symphony V-63. R-84. S-67. B-4. P-4802.

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Orch., Beethoven's Symphnoy Cm, No. 5 Wilhelm Gericke conducted and Wallace Goodrich was organist for this program that opened Symphony Hall on Oct. 19 & 20, 1900; for its repetition marking the beginning of the Hall's 50th anniversary, Charles Munch conducted and E. Power Biggs was organist, the orchestra numbering 105 men. Should we ponder a moment the 'specifications' of the orchestra? Here is a comparison of the present orchestra and the new organ:

Strings-organ 10, orchestra 65; Flutes-organ 10, orchestra 4; Woodwinds-organ 3, orchestra 19; Brass & Foundation-organ 25, orchestra 10.

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The 4' Principal is a larger-scale edition of the 8' and carries out its difficult job of knitting the foundation to the upperwork very well. The Gernshorn 4' is the old Swell 8' Spitzfloete. Improved in scale and revoiced, it is now a useful second octave. The 12th and 15th are the old Great stops fattened in scale and with some additional pipes to improve the treble. Originally they were thin and weak, and in spite of all that has been done they are still the least satisfactory voices in the division. Their somewhat anaemic quality is covered up by the mixtures.

Fourniture and Cymbal are designed along the latest development in a field where Harrison stands alone. They add life and fire to the Great that make it an outstanding division. There is nothing brazen or screaming about these mixtures. Just color and tone that almost defy description. Needless to say, they add tremendously to the power of the full Great. In this regard, Fourniture may be said to be the climax to the whole Great-Swell ensemble. Fourniture is 15-19-22-26, Cymbal 22-26-29. Pressure is 3¾4".

The result is that the Great has power plus clarity and color, a combination that makes it almost ideal for use with orchestra.

The Swell Organ, on 5" pressure, is in itself an excellent division that fits in well with the Great. The Contre Gambe was originally in the old Choir. Even then it was not so bad as the rest of the strings, but neither was it very good. Now it has been changed into a Salicional-like double of considerable power and pleasing quality, making it a very useful Swell double.

The Diapason is new and of moderate power and harmonic development. It is a good support for the mixtures. The 8' Gedeckt is the treble of the old Swell 16' Bourdon. It was well worth keeping.

The 8' strings, Viole de Gambe and Celeste, are a mystery veiled in an enigma. The trebles are the old Swell Violina 4' and Choir 4' Fugara with new basses. Just how that broad, smooth, cello-like tone was coaxed from these pipes is beyond believing. Transforming the sow's ear is one thing, but refining the squeal is quite another.

Aeoline has been cleaned up and is now presentable, with a half string, half flute quality that fades to a whisper with the box closed. It is surprisingly useful in combination with the orchestra. Octave is retained from the old Swell with a revamped treble. Flauto Traverso is the old Choir set and very good. Fifteenth is from the old Swell. The six ranks of pipes for the two mixtures were taken from the ten ranks of the old Great mixtures with quite a few new pipes added. The result is pleasing but not as striking as the Great mixtures. They do not top the reeds but they are valuable for color effects and lesser ensembles. The composition is Grave Mixture 15-19-22, Scharff 22-26-29.

The 16' Bombarde is the old Great revoiced. It was a good voice originally and is now much improved. It is perhaps a bit too big in scale and solid in tone, but it does make an excellent foundation, not only for the reed chorus but for the whole division. The Hautbois is the old Oboe revoiced with new shallots and tongues. Trompette and Clairon are the Harrison French variety. Brilliant but thoroughly musical with no suspicion of rattle. This reed and mixture chorus fits in with the Great fluework to form a classic ensemble, but in this case it must be said that this Swell chorus suffers by contrast with the spectacular Bombarde reeds. If one were comparing this Swell with one of Father Willis' best achievements it might be said that the total ensemble effect was disappointing. But, as Mr. Biggs pointed out, it is desirable to have a division of somewhat more restrained character than the classic Swell when dealing with an organ that already has a big Great, Positiv, and Bombarde division such as we have here. It does stand up to the Great and that is sufficient. On the other hand, it gives opportunity for almost endless mf combinations as is necessary when playing with the orchestra. Considering the Positiv and the Bombarde, there is much to be

said for the restrained power of this Swell.

The Choir, now enclosed, on 5" wind, contains some fine voices, but it is not otherwise outstanding as a division. Viola Pomposa and its Celeste are large-scaled versions of Harrison's famous Violas. Nothing in the way of an organ voice could be more beautiful or more versatile. A broad string tone that floats, combines with almost Diapason foundation. They are just the right string tone to go with the orchestra.

Concert Flute is that fine rank that was on the old Choir; Dulciana is also the old one, cleaned up and made presentable. Prestant is a rather big bright Principal that contrives to make an ensemble out of the otherwise unrelated voices in this division. Koppelfloete is that very useful voice rescued out of the baroque revival. Plein-Jeu is three ranks out of the old five-rank Swell Cornet. It starts 15-19-22. The 16' Serpent is a prepared-for and hoped-for future addition. Trompette is a delightful little French affair, useful both in solo and chorus. The 4' Cromorne is excellent as a top to the chorus and an interesting solo voice of unique color. Had this division a double and the usual mutations found in most of Harriscn's jobs, it would have been an excellent division. But conservation of funds required a pause somewhere and, besides, Koussevitzky, who is largely responsible for the organ, apparently dislikes tierces with the orchestra and only that in the Positiv slipped by.

the Positiv slipped by.

The Positiv on 3" wind is entirely new and shares the lower manual with the Choir. It is the usual Harrison design and calls for little additional comment. The 8' Singendgedeckt is a beauty as is the little 2' Blockfloete. The 4' Nachthorn also deserves praise, but there is a slight edge to the mixture that might be restrained. This Positiv when added to the Great imparts a bit more color and brilliance which is overdone if the 4' coupler is added. But if the 16' coupler is used alone it imparts a certain depth and solidity to the Great that is most gratifying.

We have reserved the Bombarde division for the last because it is the climax of the organ. Rarely have four voices added so much to an otherwise impeccable ensemble. This is the third of those remarkable divisions that Harrison has created recently; the first at Kilgore, Texas, then at Salt Lake, and The three reeds, Bombarde 16', Trompette now Boston. Harmonique 8', and Clairon Harmonique 4', are a new triumph for their creator. In form they are like the already perfected Swell reeds, only carried to the Nth degree and on higher pressure, 7". There is no Tibia-like resultant common to big reeds because the power is not high enough to include this undesirable effect. Nor is the scale large. Spotted-metal bells are employed in connection with parallel shallots and highly-curved tongues. But the real secret of their remarkable qualities lies in the perfect relationship established between the bells and the reed mechanism. There is no tension between the parts, and as a consequence they stay solidly in tune and regulation. The tone is big and fiery and consistent throughout the compass, and when mated with the magnificent mixture, this section is a mighty organ in itself. The mixture is made of large-scale Diapason pipes with ½ mouths and well-open toes. The material is mostly tin, the composition is 12-15-19-22-26-29.

The effect of this division on the full ensemble is to increase the power about 33% and to incline the tonal quality toward the reed side. The flue ensemble is not engulfed as is so often the case with high-pressure reeds of English type, but the flue chorus ceases to dominate the reeds and there is a blend of the two forces that is at once striking and musical. Here we might say there is achieved a classicism in the grand manner. Neither the German baroque flue chorus nor the Cavaille-Coll reed and mixture assemblage, nor yet the overpowering brass of the Willis high-pressure Trumpets, has been initated. In this Bombarde Organ Harrison seems to have contrived to extract all that is best in these schools of design and added an indefinable something that sets this division apart as a work of art of which we Americans can be proud.



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Consistent with my long-established policy of introducing—from time to time—a new young American organ virtuoso of talent, I feel proud this time to present George Markey, organist and choirmaster of the Second Baptist Church in Germantown, Philadelphia, and member of the faculty of the Episcopal Academy, and acting director of the Philadelphia Choral Society.

I heard Mr. Markey for the first time in Philadelphia two years ago, when he played at the Curtis Institute. I was simply carried away by his extraordinary virtuosity, his musicality, his sense of color and registration, plus a winning per-

I decided then that when the time became propitious I would undertake to build up his concert career, and it is with greatest pleasure that I most sincerely recommend him to the American and Canadian organ public.

-Bernard R. La Berge



FLOR PEETERS

The great Organ Composer and Virtuoso Organist of Metropolitan Cathedral of Belgium Organ Professor, the Lemmens Institute, Malines, and Royal Conservatory, Antwerp, Belgium

TRANSCONTINENTAL TOUR — OCT. - NOV. - DEC. 1950

By popular demand the La Berge Management is bringing this great virtuoso and composer for his third transcontinental tour next fall. The press of Europe and America has been unanimous in acclaiming Peeters as one of the great virtuosi of his time. But Peeters is more than a virtouso, for his inspired compositions stand as one of the worthiest contributions to the organ literature of modern times.

In this tour Flor Peeters will present his recent "Lied Symphony," inspired by his everlasting impressions of the magnificent American countryside, a tribute to his affection for our great Country.

Today Peeters stands as one of the very greatest interpreters of Bach and Franck and a leading authority on the Lemmens tradition.

The Pedal was the best part of the old organ, and the new Pedal shows most of its improvement in the addition of the flue upperwork. The old Pedal looked good on paper, but it was mostly borrows or extensions that said little or nothing. There were only six voices, six ranks, and nine borrows.

In the new Pedal there are 14 voices, 17 ranks, and but four borrows; temporarily the three prepared-for voices are available as stops by extensions—which is more practical than not

having them at all.

The fear expressed over the rejection of the big 32' open wood from the old organ was not justified; the new Contre Violone 32' is much better. While the scale is smaller than the old stop, and therefore there is some loss of weight, the tone is actually bigger and it had to be softened to fit in with the orchestra. Naturally it is much more certain in pitch. The 16' extension forms a powerful foundation for the division. It turned out to be bigger than necessary and it has had to be restrained so as not to overwhelm the organ. The Montre is the old Great 16' revoiced and now makes a very good clean Second Open. Bourdon is the old stop regulated. The 8' Principal comes from the old Swell. Spitzfloete is a good and useful addition. The 51/3' Quint is the old Great 2nd open revoiced and has something to say in the ensemble. Choralbass, Nachthorn, and Blockfloete all come from the old organ, greatly changed by radical revoicing. Fourniture does not say as much in the ensemble as it should and is, to my mind, the least satisfactory mixture in the organ. Its composition is 51/3, 4, 22/3, 2.

The 32' Contre Bombarde is a downward extension of the 16' on the Bombarde division. The tone is loose but bright and prompt of speech. The regulation is excellent, and the whole is a fine voice. The 16' Bombarde is the old Pedal Trombone and, notwithstanding the new shallots, the big scale makes the tone a bit too solid and smooth for my taste, although an English organist would glory in it. The Pedal when completed will be a vast improvement over the old one. As it is now, it presents an entity that is quite adequate for the work it has to perform. It is both powerful and inde-

pendent and an asset to the orchestra.

Taking the organ as a whole, we have an instrument that not only plays all kinds of organ music with complete satisfaction, but also fits in with the orchestra with a completeness not present in any similar combination I know of. Certainly this great orchestra now has an equally great organ that is far better than its predecessors, as distinguished as they were in

their day

Perhaps no one realizes this so well as the man who plays it, E. Power Biggs. The music world has come to know Mr. Biggs through his broadcasts from the Germanic organ, his numerous recitals, and the large number of phonograph records he has cut. Mr. Biggs is a man of broad musical knowledge, recognized to be at the top of his profession. It was natural therefore that he would be among the first to realize the immense possibilities inherent in the new organ, and that he would hasten to present them to the organ-loving public outside of Boston. So, after two hectic weeks he has already re-cut records of the masterpieces of organ literature, both classical and modern, and now the general public will soon be able to hear some of the most thrilling organ records yet produced.

Time and Donald Harrison march on. With the war out of the way, and his organization hitting on all eight cylinders, great things are to be expected, and demanded, of the genius from Dorchester. In the field of the big organs he produced a great masterpiece at Salt Lake. In the Boston Symphony organ he has demonstrated how a really distinguished organ can be produced even with the handicap of some old material. And now word comes of a still greater organ for a famous Boston church. Will G. Donald Harrison succeed in making Boston the organ center of the United States? With Boston Symphony Hall he has laid the foundation with an organ that must soon have a world-wide reputation.

IN SYMPHONY HALL, BOSTON
Fifty years ago Symphony Hall housed its organ in this ideal position behin
this plain but honest organ-case behind which now reposes the new AcollanSkinner; what a pity New York City's two concert halls made such stupdd
blunders when they installed organs in their perfectly impossible positions.

In any event, Symphony Hall, with its great orchestra and its magnificent organ, now houses the finest combination of musical resources in America—and that now means the world.

With a brilliant organist like E. Power Biggs at the console to exploit this tour-de-force of G. Donald Harrison's, we enter a new era. As we predicted in St. Louis, the future of the organ as a musical instrument lies in its ability to join the orchestra and the vocal chorus in a concerted ensemble. This type of ensemble had its beginnings in the masterworks of Bach. With the much greater resources at hand, the time is now ripe for a new advance into the realm of this almost forgotten field of music.

With such an instrument as that in Symphony Hall there is every reason to hope that modern composers will rise to the opportunities afforded them, and that new and beautiful music

of inspired greatness will again be written.

Christmas-Season Postlude

By WILLIAM A. GOLDSWORTHY

Who still likes Christmas music and wishes all organists also did

Following a short enforced imprisonment, the Christmas season came on us with an increased sense of joy & gladness. We listened eagerly to the carols and familiar music, following one program after another through the entire pre-Christmas week, on radio, in church, and in concert hall. We heard well-advertised choruses on the air, traveled to Old Trinity for the carol service of Dr. George Mead and his choir with the aid of the Down Town Glee-Club; and we went to the Presbyterian Church where Dr. Robert Baker and his choir, plus sermon, made our cupcomplete.

But the theme now is not laudation, much as it is due to Drs. Baker and Mead, but a word of caution against two trends which we noted all through the Christmas music; first, an excess of descants; second, an increasing rewriting of old familiar carols in modern and ultramodern fashion. Some of these devices were so bad as to call to mind the remark of the man who said his objection was not to modernity but to

absurdity.

Descants should be used sparingly, and should grow naturally out of the tune itself. Most of those we heard, hit one in the face and kept on doing so all through the number. When you are conscious only of the descants, when they stick out like sore thumbs, when a man tries to impress you with his cleverness in their writing, they defeat their purpose and destroy the hymn. The year before at a festival service we heard one which was a succession of high B's sung by a special group of picked voices; the hymn was "Adeste fidelis" and on the last

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stanza the texture was so complex that the huge congregation,

which wanted so badly to sing, finally gave up in despair.

We heard worse than that this past Christmas, not—to the credit of the organist-in church but over the air where the great criterion is sensationalism and where some of the directors are not noted for their knowledge of or love for church music. One regularly-heard chorus gave us a carol service such as I have described; the chorus, well trained, was in a mood to make a memorable service, but not one carol they sang was presented in such manner as to permit the listener to join in. Clever, yes; but carols are not head music (which leaders in contemporary music feel to be the acme) but heart emotion and even feet music. Christmas is the feast of the Child, and as the Wise Men bowed before Him, so should our sophisticates (musically) become also as children at this

We had the temerity to write one conductor and ask if he would approve of anyone's taking bits of red, yellow, and green, to dab on a work of art; or if he would try to rewrite Keats, or even Edgar Guest. Then why the consummate cheek to alter "Holy Night"? Some of the arrangements we heard would make Gruber turn over in his grave.

One observes increasing complexity and turbulence in all contemporary music. It is taking over in the choirloft, especially among our younger men who, being subjected to the influence all week, feel church music is inane and meaningless unless it has the same restless quality. We note the reaction of congregations. It is interesting to see how they try to accept these monstrosities; but it is significant to see their satisfaction when calm, serenity, and faith are expressed in

So we plead for a return of, we will not say sanity, but simplicity at Christmastide.

Now for a concrete suggestion. Dr. Robert Baker gave this group of carols in place of an anthem:

Gritton, "Welcome Yule" Adam, "O holy night" Traditional, "The holly and the ivy"

The first was joyous and Christmasy; we were pleased that Dr. Baker did the "Holy night" and did it as written. After all, tradition here should be preserved. And "The holly & ivy" capped the group, although we should have preferred the old tune to the modern variant added in the last verse; intended to increase the effect, it took away some of the old flavor.

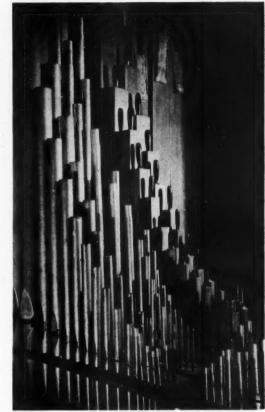
No, Ladies & Gentlemen, please keep your hands off our old carols. If you want 'modernities,' write them yourselves for yourselves. Beware of putting new wine into old bottles. The bottle is thereby generally broken. And the wine is not good in the first place.

Organbuilding for Amateurs By R. N. L. FORMAN

Who may conduct a special column if the readers are interested

Herewith is a stoplist for the benefit of those who have asked for suggestions. Remember that expense is not considered from the standpoint of organ-costs in a factory; amateurs, doing the work themselves, are concerned only with the cost of buying parts & pieces. The time spent is secondary; by wiring part of the organ to make it playable as soon as possible, the reward is closer at hand and the rest of the labor is easier.

This stoplist uses the 3-manual idea formerly presented. With a limited number of ranks, I have always felt that rather than providing couplers, borrowed stops from the various sets of pipes at various pitches are more useful and give greater variety. This might appear to be somewhat along the line of the theater organ, yet it provides flexibility for any kind



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THIS?

Richard L. Abbott of Claremont built this one for himself with only three voices and 219 pipes, instead of the five voices and 429 pipes suggested in Mr. Forman's article, and William G. Blanchard took the photograph to make you wish you had an organ also.

of music playable on an instrument of this size. 16' Bourdon 97-Pedal 16, 8; Great 16, 8, 4, 2;

Swell 8, 4, 2; Choir 8.

8' Diapason 85-Pedal 8; Great 8, 4, 2 2/3.

Salicional 89—Pedal 8; Great 8;

Swell 16, 8, 4, 2 2/3, 1 3/5.

8' Dulciana 85-Pedal 8; Great 8;

Swell 8, 4; Choir 16, 8, 4.

8' Oboe 73-Pedal 8;

Swell 16-t.c., 8, 4.

For couplers I would suggest 5: G-P. S-P. C-P. S-G. C-G. And since a synthetic Oboe effect can be had without separate pipes, some might prefer to omit the Oboe pipes and use in their place an 8' Celeste to beat with the Salicional and be playable on the Swell at 16, 8, 4, on the Choir at 8.

To more readily understand how much organ these few ranks give with their unification, write out the stoplist in T.A.O.'s standard form. And then decide for yourself how much of it you want, and what changes you wish to make. I do not recommend this stoplist as is, but offer it rather as a basis for thought. As usual, all correspondence on the subject should be addressed to, and will be welcomed by, R. N. L. Forman, Monmouth, Ill.

SCOUNDRELS IN GOVERNMENT

The most dangerous enemy is the American counterpart of the British Fabian Socialist, who denies that he is a socialist and operates behind a mask which he calls National These socialist planners are enticing us down the dark road that has led so many European nations to their doom. Unless they are recognized for what they are, and are stopped, they will destroy this country."—John T. Flynn, in The Road Ahead.

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WHICH IS LARGEST?

18-18-18 No. 1

ORANGE, CONN.

Congregational Church M. P. Moller Inc., Nov. 1949 V-10. R-10. S-18. B-7. P-665.

PEDAL: V-1. R-1. S-4. Bourdon 44

(Bourdon-S) (Bourdon) (Bourdon-S)

V-4. R-4. S-5. GREAT:

Enclosed

Diapason 61 8 Bourdon 61 Dolce 61 4

Octave 61 8 Chimes pf Tremulant

SWELL: V-5. R-5. S-9.

Bourdon 97 16 (Bourdon) 8

Viole de Gambe 73 Viole Celeste tc 61

4 Spitzprinzipal 73 (Bourdon)

(Bourdon) 2 2/3 (Bourdon) 8 Trumpet 73

Tremulant COUPLERS 12:

Ped.: G. S-8-4.

Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4.

Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 3: G. S. Register. Combons 12: GP-4. SP-4. Tutti-4. Reversibles 1: G-P.

WHICH IS LARGEST?

Each of these three has 18 stops, but that's a small part of the story. In T.A.O.'s standard form they are:

V-10. R-10. S-18. B-7. P-665. V-12. R-12. S-18. B-5. V-13. R-13. S-18. B-4. P-835.

P-908. And that makes quite a difference, doesn't it?

Each has only one Pedal register but, glory be, two 16' Pedal stops. No organ can ever be satisfactory if it has only one 16' Pedal stop. Each also has four Pedal flutes, though No. 3 adds a string borrow; possibly too much flute is n) better for a Pedal Organ than for the manual divisions, but the customer is

always boss.

The enclosed Greats are a big step in the right direction for normal small organs; nobody is required to believe it if he chooses otherwise. Those lone 2 2/3's will be invaluable for coloring as well as for ensemble; an organ that runs 16-8-4-2 is not satisfactory to many educated ears today, so those Nasards work wonders in the ensemble. In this same thought, note that all six manual divisions have straight 4's; the day of exclusively borrowed 4's is past, fortunately.

Presumably money considerations prevented the G-S 16-8-4 couplers; a 16' G-S would be invaluable for coloring.

WHICH IS LARGEST?

18-18-18 No. 2

MAHONY CITY, PA. St. Paul's Reformed

M. P. Moller Inc., Oct. 1949 V-12. R-12. S-18. B-5. P-835. PEDAL: V-1. R-1. S-5.

Bourdon 44 (Rohrfloete-S)

(Bourdon) (Rohrfloete-S)

(Rohrfloete-S) 4 V-5. R-5. S-7. GREAT:

Enclosed

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Diapason 73 8 Melodia 85

Dulciana 73

4 Octave 73 (Melodia)

Fifteenth 61 Chimes A-F 21 8 Tremulant

V-6. R-6. S-6. SWELL: Rohrfloete 85-16'

8 Viole de Gambe 73 Viole Celeste tc 61

Flute Ouverte 73 4 Nasard 61

8 Trumpet 73 Tremulant

COUPLERS 13: Ped.: G-8-4. S-8-4.

Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4.

Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 3: G. S. Register Combons 15: GP-5. SP-5. Tutti-5.

Reversibles 3: G-P. S-P. Full-Organ. Cancels 1: Tutti.

Nobody is required to agree with this either, if he prefers to disagree.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

First Congregational

Austin Organs Inc., Feb. 1950 Organist, Gordon W. Stearns V-48. R-59. S-64. B-15. P-3884. PEDAL: V-3. R-3. S-16.

(Resultant) Diapason 56 16

Gedeckt 44 (Violone-G)

(Salicional-S)

(Diapason) (Gedeckt) (Violone-G)

(Diapason) Bombarde 56 16

(Fagotto-S) (Bombarde)

(Fagotto-S) (Bombarde)

ANTIPHONAL:

(Chimney Flute-A)

(Trompette-A) *From Diapason and Violone. V-10. R-17. S-10. GREAT:

Violone 61 Diapason 61

WHICH IS LARGEST?

18-18-18

No. 3

ALDERSON, W.VA. Old Greenbrier Baptist

M. P. Moller Inc., Feb. 1949

V-13, R-13, S-18, B-4, P-908, PEDAL: V-1, R-1, S-5.

Bourdon 44 16 (Melodia-G)

(Bourdon) (Melodia-G) (Dulciana-G)

GREAT: V-6. R-6. S-7. Enclosed

Diapason 73 Melodia 85-16'

Dulciana 73 4 Octave 73

Flute d'Amour 73 2

Fifteenth 61 Chimes pf 8 Tremulant

SWELL: V-6. R-6. S-6.

Diapason 73 Rohrfloete 73 Salicional 73

Flute Ouverte 73 4

2 2/3 Nasard 61 Trumpet 73 8

Tremulant COUPLERS: 13:

Ped.: G-8-4. S-8-4. Gt.: G-16-8-4, S-16-8-4,

Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 3: G. S. Register. Combons 15: GP-5. SP-5. Tutti-5. Reversibles 3: G-P. S-P. Full-Organ.

Cancels 1: Tutti.

Chimes will be Schulmerich.

Diapason Conique 61 Flute h 61

Gemshorn 61

Octave 61 Flute Ouverte 61 V

Fourniture 305 Ш Cornet 183

II Doublette 122 SWELL: V-14. R-16. S-15.

Salicional 85 16 Geigen-Diapason 73

Melodia 73

Gambe 73 Gambe Celeste tc 61 (Salicional)

S. Celeste tc 61 Chimney Flute 73 4 Fugara 73

Flageolet 61 2 III Mixture 183

Fagotto 73 16 Trompette 73 8

Oboe 73 4 Clarion 73

Tremulant CHOIR: V-13. R-13. S-13. 8 Bourdon 73

Concert Flute 73

Viola 73 Dolce 73

Dolce Celeste tc 61

4 Flute 73 Gemshorn 73 2 2/3 Nasard 61 2 Blockfloete 61

1 3/5 Tierce 61 8 Tuba 73 Clarinet 73

4 English Horn 73
Tremulant

ANTIPHONAL: V-8. R-10. S-10. All prepared-for only.

8 Diapason 73
Chimney Flute 73
Muted Viole 73
M. V. Celeste tc 61

4 Principal 73 (Chimney Flute) III Mixture 183

8 Trompette 85-16'
Vox Humana 61
Chimes
Tremulant

Vox Humana Tremulant

COUPLERS 40:

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Ped.: G-8-4. S-8-4. C-8-4. A-8-4. Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4. C-16-8-4. A-16-8-4.

Sw.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4. C. A. Ch.: G. S-16-8-4. C-16-8-4. A. Ant.: G. A-16-8-4.

Crescendos 4: S. C. A. Register. Combons 46: P-6. GP-8. SP-8. CP-8. AP-6. Tutti-10.

Manual combons control Pedal Organ or leave it neutral, optionally as organist desires.

Reversibles 4: G-P. S-P. C-P. Full Or-

Cancels 6: Tutti-Cancel and Austin's patented canceler-bars over each set of stop tongues.

Blower: 7 1/2 h.p. Orgoblo.

Many readers will note with pleasure that at last a Swell Organ is not left a virtual orphan but is here one of the most useful of all, since Austin provides couplers from all other manuals and from the Great at all pitches. Note too that the Great can be played from all manuals. We must learn—as soon as we can—that couplers are of tremendous value to a colorist and that such an organist uses them oftener for easily-obtained color variety than for ensemble effects.

That Antiphonal Organ is also called Echo Antiphonal, but its content seems to indicate a greater importance than the customary Echo Organ has, hence it is here called Antiphonal.

Don't worry about the amount of borrowing in the Pedal Organ; churches today cannot afford all the money they need for organs, so unification comes to the rescue.

One other comment: Controlling the Pedal Organ from the manual combons is often most desirable but sometimes most regrettable; Austin has the complete answer in its optional system. Any Pedal stops desired can be set on any individual manual combon, and then by

a simple Austin console gadget, that combon will change the Pedal Organ or leave it severely alone, according to what the organist at the moment wants it to do.



WICKS IN WHA STUDIO
This delightful console shows the maximum efficiency both in stop-tongue control and in the number of combons and pistons supplied; note the one set of shutters in background.

MADISON, WISC.
Radio Station WHA
Wicks Organ Co., Early 1950
V-13. R-13. S-38. B-25. P-961.
PEDAL: S-9.

(Lieblichbordun-S) (Cello-G) (Gemshorn-G)

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One prepared-for.
GREAT: V-7. R-7. S-15.
Enclosed

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(Tibia Clausa)
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(Cello)

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Concert Tremulant
One prepared-for.
SWELL: V-6. R-6. S-14.
Lieblichbordun 97

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Tremulant
Concert Tremulant

One prepared-for.
Fixed Piston: Synthetic "Oboe."
COUPLERS 13:

Ped.: G-8-4. S-8-4. Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4. Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 3: G. S. Register. Combons 15: P-5. G-5. S-5.

Piston-Masters: 5. Reversibles 1: Full-Organ. Cancels 3: P. G. S.

CARROLLTON, GA.
First Methodist
Reuter Organ Co., Oct. 1949
V-10. R-10. S-21. B-9. P-725.
PEDAL: V-1. R-1. S-5.
16 Major Bass 44

(Gedeckt-S)

(Major Bass)
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GREAT: V-4. R-4. S-6. Enclosed

8 Diapason 73 Clarabella 85 Dulciana 73 4 Octave 73

4 Octave 73 (Clarabella) 8 Chimes 21 Tremulant SWELL: V-5. R-5. S-10.

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Gedeckt 97-16'

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2 (Gedeckt)
8 Trompette 73
(Chimes-G)
Tremulant

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VENTILATOR? NO, ORGANI
Such a "case" would be horrible in church but
here it is ideal; it's the Wicks installation in
WHA broadcasting studio, Madison, Wisc.
Entire front of chambers openable.

Fixed Piston: Synthetic "Oboe."

COUPLERS 12: Ped.: G. S-8-4.

Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4.

Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 3: G. S. Register. Combons 12: GP-4. SP-4. Tutti-4.

Reversibles 1: G-P. Blower: Orgoblo 1 h.p. Opening Recital, Nov. 7, 1949. George Lee Hamrick

Kramer, Concert Prelude Bach, Two Choralpreludes Prelude & Fugue Em Fletcher, Fountain Reverie Massenet, Angelus Clokey, Mountain Sketches Bonnet, Elves

Debussy, Clair de Lune Johnston, Evensong Elgar, Pomp & Circumstance



REUTER ORGAN IN CARROLLTON METHODIST tood example of how to install an organ in this unfavorable church interior, or a simple control enables the organist to close the shutters facing the congregation, using only those facing the choir when anthems are being sung, opening the others only when the congregation sings hymns.

NINETY YEARS AGO

They talked him out of one hundred dollars

'Rev. F. B. Lee, Dear Sir. This morn,

yours came to hand dated Dec. 8, 1859.

We shall forward the organ, although one of your \$500. instalments, I think I remember the Lady's negotiating so successfully (Oh the ladies, bless them) persuaded me out of \$100., but then, I think we have more on hand and that was

'Now as there is no time to be lost, my son is this day, I think, arrived in Mobile but he has to erect a very large organ in the Rom. Cath. Cathedral, Rev. Bishop Parlier, and will doubtless occupy three weeks.

His plan however, after finishing the organ there—to go to New Orleans and thence to Memphis and to return by railroad. You will therefore arrange with him about paying his expenses from Mobile to your place and return to Mobile. Give him instructions how he can land on the Alabama River.

'Organ Factory, 100 White St., New York. Jan. 17, 1859." (So much for the Montgomery Advertiser which reprinted the foregoing. Prefacing the letter quoted, the Advertiser

printed the following explanation.)

Mrs. Mary Y. Allison of Minter, Ala., has sent the column an interesting item containing the waybill for the shipment of an organ from St. Louis for the St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Carlowville in 1859. The organ went by rail from St. Louis to New York, by boat to Mobile and by riverboat steamer to Carlowville.

The organ was delivered by boat at Elm Bluff on the Alabama River, hauled up the steep incline by pulleys, then hauled eight miles by wagon to the village of Carlowville. The cost of transportation from New York was \$26. Mrs. Allison also enclosed a copy of a letter written by the seller in St. Louis to the Rev. F. B. Lee of Carlowville."

(T.A.O. finds no Carlowville in Alabama, according to the official postoffice guide, but there is a Carlow listed in Missouri. William F. Brame, one of T.A.O.'s live-wires, spotted the Montgomery Advertiser item; says he, "The organ must be a Jardine, since the one in the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Mobile is one." Note that it took 40 days to get that letter from Carlowville to New York. Note also that either the builder was too rushed with work, too shy of schooling, or too flustered over being talked out of his hundred dollars, to get his sentences correct. And didn't the Advertiser skip a beat? It would seem that the organ went the opposite direction between St. Louis and New York. And was the "letter written by the seller in St. Louis"? He was in New York, wasn't he?)

CLAIRE COCI AND ENSEMBLE

American Academy, New York, Dec. 28

This little piece of humanity is a dynamic bomb. Providence was just a little unfair in making such an attractive bit of femininity so tremendously clever. It was a mixed program built about the organ, using it as a recital instrument and in combination with strings & woodwinds in chamber-music arrangements. In contrast to Dr. Dickinson's famous concert of organ & brass, Miss Coci used milder combinations and gave us another of the great concerts of

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o. Reger, Fantasia on Bach o-v-c. Reger, Weinachten o-s. Vivaldi's Concerto 2 in Am

o. Sowerby, Pageant

o-v-c-f-ob. Mozart, Adagio & Rondo K.617 o. Dupre, Variations on a Noel

o. Liszt, Ad Nos

(encore: Bach, Passacaglia)

Fantasia is the most straightforward Reger we have heard; well worked out and not interminably long, Miss Coci played it magnificently. Weinachten (organ-violin-cello) was an exquisite bit which prompts one ask why, with his ability to achieve such lovely simplicity, Reger gave us so many involved numbers for organ. We recommend this arrangement for any church that can afford the added instruments at Christmastide.

Vivaldi-Bach (organ and string quartet) gave us an ensemble that was extremely satisfying; the organ here gave a wondrous balance. Sowerby's Pageant provided a fine display of pedal technic, but in spite of Miss Coci we cannot like it as music; recitalists need a chance to impress and thereby please an audience by a display of pedal work, so this number is as good as any other.

And then we settled down to hear Mozart (organ-violincello-flute-oboe). Noise & fury were forgotten; Mozart was as his best, and the players too were at their best. It is a great loss that a recording could not have been made of this performance then & there. Dupre finished the first half of the program, with a set of Variations played with vivacity, color,

rhythm, and fire.

Liszt was Miss Coci's piece-de-resistance and what a tour-de-force she made of it. This is a giant number, written by a giant, to be played by giants; and in spite of her size, she proved herself to be one of the giant fraternity. After this enormous program some greedy individual asked for the Bach Passacaglia and Miss Coci demonstrated her sportsmanship by giving it a stunning performance. As they say down in Maine, "Quite a gal, quite a gal."—William A Goldsworthy.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

AND REVIEWS

In which the members of the profession and industry speak for themselves through the record of their actions and thus provide food for thought on topics of current importance to the world of the organ.

Pitch, Money, and Folly

SAYS a British reader, "I don't think I have ever seen anything in T.A.O. about the pitch you tune your organs to. What is it? Here, organs are commonly tuned to C-517 at 60° Fahrenheit; 522 is not uncommon; formerly 540 was usual, but now we prefer something lower. Our B.B.C. each day broadcasts A at, I think, 440, for five minutes or so before the Third Programme

(sorry! program) starts at 6:00 p.m."

A-440 is standard American practise, so we never mention it, any more than we mention 32-note pedal or 61-note manual compass. If something unusual is mentioned by the builder, that in turn is recorded in our printed stoplists. A-440 gives C-528; if England uses C-522 it would be a little lower and in line with what Mr. Frederick C. Mayer of West Point once suggested when he questioned A-440 as being too high and asked if I ever felt that way about it. On reflection I do. Our organplaying sounds too hard & shrill for my ears. Why is it necessary to tune 100 organs to 440 when not more than five of them will ever be used in ensemble with orchestral instruments? I can see why orchestras want brilliance. It's going too far in organs.

"An architect has a letter written some years ago about the Carnegie Foundation. It told about how the late industrialist had willed \$5,000,000. for church organs Can you tell us if this fund still exists?

Now read carefully; the answer is No. We do not know if the fund still exists; we do not even know if there ever was any \$5,000,000. fund for church organs. But we do know that Mr. Carnegie, in those grand old pre-socialist days before Roosevelt, did help churches buy organs, or so people said. Having never seen any of the checks, we really don't

The Carnegie Foundation answered our telephone question by saying the organ-buying business no longer exists; on being pressed for something slightly more detailed, they said it had

been discontinued in 1917.

That date may be interesting. Possibly the trustees of the Foundation felt about it then much as I feel about it todaythat the preachers & officers in churches have so badly mangled their duties that the church completely failed to save civilization from that first made-in-Germany war and was therefore no longer deserving of assistance. The church failed again in the second politician-made war. In England the church even failed to save humanity from socialism with its attendant loss of freedom-mankind's most treasured God-given possession. In America the preachers, presumably through cowardice, are failing just as badly in the threat of Truman-made socialism here. Oh well, what's the use? But it is a pity the churches, pretending to think so highly of Christ, do not remember that little parable "inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these," and that other one about the priest who passed by on the other side while the "good Samaritan" abandoned his own business in order to go to the rescue of a human being who needed a defender.

"I am glad to see that the Episcopal church is going to help the Catholic church in its fight against the paternalism our government seems to advocate. In time our rights will be forfeited if we stand for this socialism." This

Missouri reader enclosed a newspaper clipping:

"If you want to destroy a man's self-respect, make him dependent. The moment you make him dependent, you have destroyed his moral character. You have made him a cowardly slave to the expediency of his immediate comfort and protection. If this country of ours, through Christian people like you, keeps on condoning the dole, we have lost more in one generation than we created in seven generations.

Dr. Earle B. Jewel said that in an Episcopal sermon, and a lot of other truths too, which our P.C. of Columbia decided

we should see.

"In your biographical sketches of different people you practically never mention how old the person is. Age is entirely left out, and usually the year of birth too. Young people like to know about the lives of famous people in the same profession. That includes age at first position, size of first position, etc. Not too important, but it annoys

me not to find any clue as to age."

We received that one Aug. 12, 1946, and have been holding it for occasional meditation ever since. I agree with his attitude on details but disagree on age; age we keep out of it excepting in biographical sketches of composers and in obituaries. A composer is not a private but a public individual; his birthday is a part of the technical record. But in no other his birthday is a part of the technical record. items do these columns publish ages. When our reader reaches my advanced age he'll understand why. We very old people are sensitive, some of us; though I don't mind how

many people know my age, if they're curious.

"The enclosed was clipped from the Atlanta Journal of Dec. 16. I had to read it twice to believe any newspaper would publish such an utter & disgraceful piece of nonsense." The nonsense:

"If you can't play the piano, start with an organ. Believe it or not, it's supposed to be easier to learn." That's got the good brother. This following is equally good: That's what

"You play the accompaniment on the lower board with your left hand, the solo on the upper with your right, and beat out the bass with your feet. Once you get used to playing on two boards and foot pedals, you're all set, because the compact little instrument doesn't have all the stops & handles that cause confusion on a large organ." Of such stuff are newspapers made. J.C.G. of Mobile, Ala., doesn't like it.

All this comes back to the typical aim of all newspapers: to win subscribers so they can raise the price on advertisers. The old run-around. I often wonder if a single one of the thousands of publications in America today ever gives a thought to trying to serve its particular set of selected readers. Doesn't seem so. They all go on the obvious theory of filling up space in the easiest & cheapest way and to 'ell with the readers. That, as you see, makes me mad too. Doesn't every last one of us have duties & obligations as well as privileges & pleasures? It's about time we remember it.

During 1949 we gave our subscribers (at the same price they paid in 1918) more pages than in any year since 1935. That took time, lots of it. A look at the Annual Index in the December issue shows too that the stuff published had more solid technical value than for any year in all our history, for that is the largest Annual Index we ever published and it contains not one entry of gossip but is confined to technical & biographical facts such as would be demanded by the editors of any creditable encyclopedia.

One reader suggests we enlarge the staff so our corres-

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anship wn in orthy. pondence and letter-writing can be more prolific; he says that would be profitable to our readers. I've long had the notion that it's not my job to talk back to individual readers. My job is to pay attention to their talking to me, to think over what they say, and then, if it is warranted, pass something of it into print. For the moment we expect to work along on that basis.

"Few organs, indeed, even among the great cathedral instruments of the world, offer resources that compare with those of the new concert model Hammond," wrote Virginia Carrington Thomas, F.A.G.O., over her own signature in the Oct.-Nov. 1949 Choir Guide, and the biographical preface wound up its tribute by saying she "is a fellow of the American Guild of Organists." Just read the statement once again. Isn't it about time the American Guild of Organists cleans house? We sent the Guild some months ago another similar published statement by one of its members who that time signed himself as a dean of one of the Guild's chapters. I don't know what you think of that sort of thing, but if any man or woman published such things and said they were a member of the staff of The American Organist they'd get themselves kicked off so fast it wouldn't even be funny.

But in calmer mood I apologize to Mrs. Thomas and pay tribute to her wit. It's only too ridiculously true that no cathedral has a tone to compare with the Hammond; it wouldn't tolerate it any more than a reputable organbuilder would sign his name to an organ of such tonal characteristics

his name to an organ of such tonal characteristics.

"It makes me fulminate the way the British Empire, so painstakingly built up over several centuries, has been frittered away in a few years by a few ignorant cranks . . . Socialism is strangling us. Two of the Dominions that have given socialism a fair trial over some years have found that it just doesn't work and have dumped it at their recent elections. It's been quite a shock to some of our people who voted Labour in the last elections (and quite a number wished they hadn't!) We are having our election soon and let's hope we come out of it with a sane government and get back to free enterprise and work with incentives. I'm not a politician . . . but it annoys me that in my old age I can't even afford to buy myself or my friends a drink."

That's from an Englishman keenly interested in the organ world, wellknown to thousands of British organists, but remaining anonymous here. He is quoted for the benefit of those well-meaning organists in America—thank heaven in the minority—who have been persuaded by preachers & politicians to hate all employers and love only workers. When an organist doesn't get as much money as he's positive he is worth, he falls easy prey to socialist propaganda. When he finally wakes up, it's too late—TSB

SPECIAL SUMMER COURSES

Facts About Special Courses Offered Organists This Summer Index of Current Summer Courses

Because of our badly mangled schedule, this column begins a report of the coming courses at this time. As always, we do not repeat here things already published either in the advertising or the text columns.

Methuen: Because of a convention of organists in Boston in June, the Organ Institute will hold a special session to begin immediately after the convention, with the regular session coming later in July as usual. To mark the Bach anniversary, one public concert each week will be all-Bach, and the noted German organist Dr. Fritz Heitmann will be on the faculty to further emphasize Bach. Repertoire studied will run all the way from pre-Bach to contemporary, and the teaching will deal with technic, interpretation, registration, and methods of practise. Provision will be made for daily practise privileges for all students. A limited number of

scholarships will be awarded to exceptionally talented young organists who need financial assistance.

Wa-Li-Ro: Dr. Healey Willan joins the faculty this season for the June 26-30 choirmasters conference, along with Paul Allen Beymer, Walter Blodgett, Warren Miller, Rev. John W. Norris, and Norman Waite.



IDEAL FOR THE ORGANIST

Not only is this Baldwin electrolone a grand asset for the home but it is also an enormous convenience and prestige-builder for the organist both in his teaching and for his own practise; this one shows the musicroom of E. M. Staples in Cincinnati, Ohio. Like it?

WALTER BAKER'S RECITAL

Riverside Church, New York, Dec. 28

The program followed a pattern which one observer called "the present phase in the style of organ recitals." It goes like this: Pre-Bach, Bach, modern French. But Mr. Baker varied it a little:

Buxtehude, Prelude-Fugue-Chaconne From God I Ne'er Will Turn

Fugue alla Gigue Reger, Introduction-Passacaglia-Fugue Bach, In Dulci Jubilo (as a cradle song) In Dulci Jubilo (maestoso)

Dupre, In Dulci Jubilo Karg-Elert, Legend of the Mountain Tournemire, Paraphrase-Carillon

The opening Buxtehude was fiery & brilliant, the choral-prelude sincere & pleasing, the Fugue "all on one breath" at very rapid tempo. There is entirely too much emphasis put on Buxtehude, more indeed than his music merits. But Mr. Baker evidently gave it to us as a prelude to Reger, which was good program-building. Reger was gorgeous, the Introduction a bit bombastic with much thrashing about of small phrases; but the Passacaglia and Fugue thrilled us. The variations were as ingenious as they were numerous, and wonderfully worked out. The Fugue with its sprightly clear theme not too lengthy, rose to a tremendous ending. Walter Baker is one of the few men we would care to hear do it once more.

The three In Dulci Jubilo preludes were well contrasted, Bach's Maestoso being just a little too pretentious for this melody, however. The setting by Dupre was lovely; much can be forgiven him for this small Christmas greeting.

To prove that Karg-Elert is not forgotten, Mr. Baker then gave us the Legend with its rich coloring, and how he colored it! Luscious, orchestral; in the late twilight of that great nave of Riverside Church, it was exceedingly peaceful.

The Tournemire Carillon is a misnomer; rather is it "mere sound and fury," signifying not very much. We hope to five long enough to see the modern-French craze subside; in the meantime we can endure them when done by artists like Walter Baker who, to us, is one of the stars in our organ firmament. A truly great recital he gave us.—William A. Goldsworthy.

DR. ROBERT BAKER AND BRASS ENSEMBLE

Temple Emanu-El, New York, Dec. 29

The third and final program in the trio heard in one week brought us to Emanu-El with its gorgeous nave rising to incredible height, and long stainedglass windows tinged with the noonday sun-an atmosphere highly suitable for a brilliant program of an entirely different type. A remarkable feature of these three programs of the one week was their great diversity, affording opportunity to study the organ in many different phases. Here we had visions of porphyry, brass, and old gold; we could sense Isaiah's feelings when he wrote, "And His train filled the temple." In this setting Dr. Robert Baker (no relation to Walter save in sensitiveness and artistry) used apart from the organ a solid brass ensemble which filled the building with massive tone, though to us the great interest was Dr. Baker's organ portion of the program.

o. Bach, Prelude & Fugue Bm b. Palestrina, Gabrieli, and Purcell.o. Robert Crandell's Carnival Suite

b. Three Bach pieces. o. Franck, Fantasia A b. Pezel, Haines.

o. Rameau, Musette; Tambourin.

o. DeLamarter, Eclogue o. Jongen, Toccata Df

The figuration in Bach's Prelude stood out in all its beauty. Though not one of our largest organs, Dr. Baker played it in the grand manner, and the design fairly sparkled. The Fugue was given in unhurried tempo (which in these days of speed was a joy) and worked up to a great climax.

Crandell's manuscript Suite (soon to be published by Gray) should prove of inestimable value in lightening some of our stodgy organ recitals; he is a Brooklyn organist, as is also Dr. Baker. Living in Brooklyn, we are as proud of these young men who illumine our organ world as we are of the

Franck's Fantasia was a surprise; we had not heard it in years but it was placed delightfully in the middle of the program, colored as Dr. Baker knows how to do. The two Rameau numbers were arranged by Karg-Elert, colored by Robert Baker; a great many of our readers should thank us for calling these useful numbers to their attention. Dr. De-Lamarter's Eclogue is, as everything he does, interesting and different; Dr. Baker makes you like it. And the brilliant Jongen finished the program.

Dr. Baker has strong convictions about recital material; not content with conventional repertoire, he spends much time in searching for unusual worthwhile numbers. There are many fine recitalists among our younger men & women; the lack would seem to be in the paucity of material and the blind imitativeness of the program-makers. That Pre-Bach, Bach, Modern-French formula is the All-in-All at present, due no doubt to the vocalness of our pre-Bach minority. But these three players we heard in one week prove to us that the organ is not a group of unexpressive pipes, but a live pulsating instrument.—William A. Goldsworthy.

NIES-BERGER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Town Hall, New York, Jan. 14

Albert Schweitzer was born Jan. 14, 1875; at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 1950, Edouard Nies-Berger's Chamber Orchestra and Wanda Landowska harpsichordist gave an all-Bach concert to mark his 75th birthday:

Cantata 142, Unto Us a Child is Born: Concerto

Can. 150, For Thee Lord: Sinfonia Can. 182, King of Heaven: Sonata

Can. 21, My Spirit Was in Heaviness: Sinfonia

Can. 31, The Heavens Laugh: Sonata h. Well-Tempered, Bk. 1: Preludes & Fugues 1, 2, 8. h. Italian Concerto

Cantata 43, Evening of the Same Sabbath: Sinfonia Can. 75, Hungry Shall Eat: Sinfonia

Can. 106, God's Time is Best: Sonatina

Easter Oratorio: Two Sinfonias

"The proceeds of the concert will be sent to Dr. Schweitzer," said the announcement. Town Hall was filled to capacity, though the occasion was almost religious rather than of concert character. Mr. Nies-Berger was reverent rather than dynamic, but his men played with the same unexpected fervor and, this time I thought, with a warmth of tone quite unusual for any such instrumental group. I have already said in several different ways that he gets more out of his men than any other conductor I know, excepting only Stokowski. It looked like a forbidding program, but actually was charming and altogether restful & satisfying in spite of its apparent monotony-and that's as much, this time, a tribute to Mr. Nies-Berger as to Bach.

Wanda Landowska's harpischord solos gave the audience supreme delight; the audience reciprocated by applauding this gentle little old lady (now in her 70's and still playing like the young lady she is at heart) with a vociferousness

instrumental artists rarely receive.

The only flaw in the ointment was lack of definition in the printed program; what the artists did was not what the program seemed to say they were to do, and I'm not the only one who got lost. We must time our pauses between different numbers so that an audience can know at once whether we are passing from one movement to the next in a given composition, or moving on to the next work. We listeners like music but we don't like confusion.

Personally I'm grateful for the fact that put the program late on Saturday night, for I'm not permitted away from my desk excepting on Sundays (when I do no office work) and Saturday nights (when I don't have to wake at 6:30 next morning). If Mr. Nies-Berger gives a concert with his Chamber Orchestra anywhere near you, by all means borrow the money, steal the time, and go hear him.—T.S.B.

AMERICANS VERBOTEN

Washington Likes Americans for Taxing, not Honoring
That's the way the Washington Music Teacher's Association Inc. feels about it. A resolution was "passed unanimously" Jan. 30 to "register a strong protest against the selection of a foreigner for this the greatest honor some American composer should have had." Washington politically is planning a celebration to mark the removal of the national government from Philadelphia to Washington 150 years ago; Paul Green has been selected to "write a symphonic drama" for the celebration, and it is reported that while he may consider himself good enough to do that, he evidently does not consider any American composer good enough to write the overture for his drama, so he has, they say, invited Sibelius to do it. The W.M.T.A. seem to like American composers and want to know why the American government hates them so much that it can't ask one of them to write that music. Anyway the set of strong resolutions has been sent far & wide, to public people as well as to politicians. Hooray for the W.M.T.A. It's high time some of our music fraternities are showing a little intelligence.

PEDAL QUINT

"In regard to the Pedal 5 1/3': no organ should be without one, because of the definition it helps give the Pedal line. There are better things than a Stopped Flute such as I had to use, however. Unit or straight, let's have more 5 1/3's on the Pedal."—Richard L. Abbott (who built himself one).

SOCIALISM—SO LOVELY

"My firm has received government permission to embark upon a suitable advertising campaign," said a correspondent. Since when do citizens, owners of a country, find it necessary to consult politicians, their hired servants, before conducting a good business venture? Are citizens fools and politicians crooks? It seems so.

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SERVICE **PROGRAMS**

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EASTER SERVICES

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April 9 is Easter; here are a few of the best programs available from last year.
PAUL CALLAWAY
*Cathedral, Washington
Easter Music of All Services
M.Shaw, They buried Him
Dirksen, Alleluia
Dirksen, Christ our Passover Liszt, Christ is risen Handel, Hallelujah
Franck, Praise the Lord
DR. C. HAROLD EINECKE
*First Presbyterian, Santa Ana Easter Vespers

Gore, Canonic Toccata on Vigili Bach, Choralprelude on Christ is Risen Processional, Invocation, Chanted Lord's

Praise Be to God Ye watchers and ye holy, trad. Up my heart, Bach
Scripture, Tennyson's poem In Memoriam. Christ is risen, ar.Luvaas Hope is Born Anew An angel said to Mary, Makarov

Joseph's lovely garden, ar.Dickinson Scripture, anonymous poem The Strife is

Christ is risen, ar.Mueller Hymn, Offering, Doxology, Prayer. I Shall Live On

 O children live, Moffat Scripture, Oxenham's poem Seeds. Easter Antiphon, Goldsworthy Silent Recessional, Benediction, Chimes and

RICHARD ELLSASSER *Wilshire Methodist, Los Angeles Morning Service
Purcell, Ceremonial Music (trumpet-choir

and organ) Alleluia Christ is risen, Kopolyoff

Jerusalem, Parker Hymn Exultant, Clokey Handel, Hallelujah Chorus (presented on the program as 'The Festival Organ Bene-diction,' and followed by the customary postlude)

Mulet, Thou Art the Rock
DONALD D. KETTRING

*East Liberty Presbyterian, Pittsburgh

*Bach, Today God's Only Son
The Blessed Christ is Risen

In Death's Strong Grasp Whitford, Come Ye Faithful Edmundson, Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn Exultant, Clokey Yon, Cristo Trionfante Spanish Easter Procession, Gaul Easter Hallelujah, Vulpius-Dickinson Handel, Hallelujah Chorus **Maitland, Sunrise in Emmaus Gaul, Easter on Mt. Rubidoux Joseph's lovely garden, ar.Dickinson off. Bach, Awake Thou Wintry Earth Adoration of the Flowers, Clokey
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Easter Carol Service

Holler, Christ the Lord is risen
ar. Dickinson, Joseph's lovely garden Otis, Easter Joy Field, The crown is on the Victor's brow ar.Gore, Today did Christ arise ar.Gaul, Three lilies blossomed Lvovsky, The Lord is risen indeed

t. Hildach, Easter Triumph Edmundson, Alleluia Christ is risen Gounod, Savior of men ROBERT M. STOFER

*Covenant Presbyterian, Cleveland Easter Vespers

Chimes Farnam, Toccata Edmundson, Easter Spring Song Titcomb, Alleluia Pascha Nostra Cloister Prayer, Choral Amen, Processional, Call to Worship. Easter Bells, Thiman

Invocation, Lord's Prayer.
Awake thou wintry earth, ar.Davis
Love is come again, ar.Whipple Scripture.

Scripture.
Sing songs of praise, A.R.Gaul
off. Easter, R.V.Williams
Ascription, Prayer, Choral Amen.
Our Paschal Joy, Yon

Collect.
Joseph's lovely garden, ar.Dickinson
Benediction, Choral Amen, Recessional, Cloister Prayer, Choral Amen.

Chimes G. RUSSELL WING First Congregational, La Grange Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. *Elmore, Triumph Prelude off. Weinberger, Hosanna The Palms, Clokey Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m. *Elmore, Triumph Prelude The Palms, Faure Hosanna, ar.Bitgood off. Weinberger, Hosanna Thy glory dawns, Lockwood Guilmant, Lift Up Your Heads Easter at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Dickinson, Exaltation (with violin, cello, harp) Joseph's lovely garden, ar.Dickinson



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of many famous organists of today, from a
photo made thirty years ago. As T.A.O.
begins its thirty-third year, this tribute is
paid to the one man who more than any
other was instrumental in having such a
technical-troofessional magazine tounded for other was instrumental in baving such a technical-professional magazine founded for the benefit of the whole organ world. When T.S.B. undertook publication because of Mr. Andrews' enthusiasm, it was freely predicted that the magazine couldn't last six months there would not be, they said, enough materials fit to publish. What a laugh; our burden today is the enormous over-supply of things urgently needing print. Mr. Andrews died almost twenty years ago.

Spanish Easter Carol, ar.Gaul j. All the happy birds, Bitgood Alleluia of the Bells, Marryott On an Easter Morning, ar.Davis off. harp. Corelli, Giga Easter Carol of the Trees, ar.Gaul Handel, I Know that My Redeemer

J. H. OSSEWAARDE Calvary Episcopal, New York January Bach Commemoration January Bach Commemoration
**Toccata-Adagio-Fugue C
Cantata 142, "For Us a Child is Born"
Cantata 190, "Sing to the Lord"
Prelude & Fugue D
**Concerto 2 Am
Cantata 65, "The Sages of Sheba"
Cantata 1, "How Brightly Shines" Cantata 1, Toccata F **Toccata & Fugue Dm
"Christmas Oratorio" selections
Fantasia & Fugue Gm Fantasia & Fugue Gm

**Passacaglia
Cantata 78, "Jesus Thou my Wearied Spirit"
Cantata 79, "Lord is a Sun & Shield"
Prelude & Fugue G

**Prelude & Fugue Am
Cantata 106, "God's Time is Best"
Cantata 53, "Strike O Strike"
Cantata 140, "Sleepers Wake"

Prelude & Fugue Bm Cantata 140, "Sleepers Wake"
Prelude & Fugue Bm
During the offering in these Sunday 8:00
p.m. services Mr. Ossewaarde played two or
three Choralpreludes. The "Bach group" of
Calvary choir numbered 15 women, 10 men;
solos were sung by 12, five of them members
of the Bach group.
ROBERT M. STOFER
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Installation of Minister

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Chimes Bach, Fugue Ef Bossi, Consecration Processional, Call to Worship, Invoca-tion, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Lord's Prayer.

How lovely is Thy dwelling, Brahms Responsive Reading, Gloria Patri, Scrip-ture, Sermon, Hymn, Installation, Charge to Minister.

O Thou who makest, Dickinson Charge to Congregation, Litany of In-stallation, Recessional, Benediction, Choral

Amen. Mulet, Thou Art the Rock Chimes

Chimes
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February Choral Music
*Rehm, Messe E

*Rehm, Messe E
Plainchant, Credo 3
Marcello, Give ear unto me
**Farrant, Mag. & Nunc dimittis
Marcello, As the hart panteth
Bentivoglio, O salutaris
Campion, Cor Jesu Sacratissimum
Boellmann, Tantum ergo 3
*Peeters, Missa in Honorem S. Lutgardis
Pyrd Aye yerum **Peeters, Missa in Honorem S. Lutgardis Byrd, Ave verum **Tallis, Mag. & Nunc dimittis Palestrina, Sicut cervus Bruckner, O salutaris Wllan, Ave verum Reger, Tantum ergo 61-2 *Rheinberger, Missa Misericordias Domini Palestrina, Surge illuminaire **Tomkins, Mag & Nunc dimittis Bonamico, Laudate Dominum Liszt, O salutaris Brant, Ecce panis angelorum Liszt, Tantum ergo *Victoria, Missa Vidi Speciosam Byrd, Turn our captivity **Caldara, Caro mea

Rheinberger, O salutaris 16th cent., Adoramus Te Domine Jesu Kromolicki, Tantum ergo 11-5 50-33-1

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Feb. 13, Acolytes Festival Gretchaninoff, Missa Festiva D Poulenc, Exultate Deo Palestrina, Ego sum panis vivus Henschel, Tantum ergo Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday Plainchant, Missa Deus Genitor Alme

CHURCH BUDGETS Example from Pennsylvania

Here are the figures from a famous church:

\$225,200. Total budget.

Clergy, staff, printing, advertising, "pastoral work."
"Christian education," clergy, sec-40,250. 15,700.

retaries, supplies. Organist, choir, all music. Staff & expenses for kitchen, din-14.750. 8,000.

ing-room, athletics, etc.
Office salaries, telephone, print-10.700. ing, etc.

Operation & maintenance of 52,800. church property.

Emergencies. 8,000. Missions.

In this case we'd guess the organist's salary is \$7,200. minimum and \$10,000. maximum, though to be consistent with the probable salary of the chief clergyman, it should more likely be \$12,000. The point is that here is an institution that costs \$104,450. exclusive of the clergy to maintain so that it may hold services on Sunday; those Sunday services are dependent, after the basic \$104,450. is paid, dependent, after the basic \$104,490. Is paid, upon the clergyman and the music for their value and appeal. The foundation costs \$104,450. a year and the much more valuable superstructure of sermon & music cost considerably less than half of that. But sermon & music are the chief values offered on Sundays. Selection of \$12,000. for the teachers. days. Salaries of \$18,000. for the top clergy-man and \$12,000. for the organist would be in fair proportion to the rest of the money involved.

COMING EVENTS
March 7, New York: Dr. Hugh Porter directs the annual spring festival, School of Sacred Music, Mozart's "Requiem" and Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom," all

dall Thompson's Peaceable Kingdom, all soloists and conductors being candidates for the M.S.M. degree.

March 24, New York: Alfred Greenfield conducts the Oratorio Society in Bach's "B-Minor," in Carnegie Hall.

April 5, 6, 7, New York: Those unusual Tenebrae services at 8:00 p.m. in the Church

of St. Mary the Virgin.
May 19, 20, Bethlehem, Pa.: Bach Festival, Ifor Jones conductor, E. Power Biggs solo organist; "Christmas Oratorio" on Friday, "B-Minor Mass" on Saturday, two sessions each. HAROLD FINK

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*Toccata & Fugue Dm Three Choralpreludes
Prelude & Fugue G
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide

Sonata Dm The Lord's Prayer Passacaglia *Prelude & Fugue Ef Three Choralpreludes Fantasia & Fugue Am Kyrie God the Holy Spirit

Sonata C I Cry to Thee Prelude & Fugue Bm *Toccata & Fugue Dm Two Choralpreludes Prelude & Fugue Am Two Choralpreludes

Prelude & Fugue D
Three Choralpreludes
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herself is Miss Keller, born on a March 28
in Reading, Pa.; a look at her programs
proves her a keener judge of music values
than many of the rest of us. She finished
highschool in Reading and then entered
Albright College there, specializing in music;
studied organ with Dr. Henry F. Seibert,
theory with Winfield Biery.

Her first church position was the Windsor
Street Methodist, Reading, when still in her
teens; she soon went to Emanuel Lutheran,
Pottstown; and returned to Reading in 1940
as organist of the First Evangelical Congregational, where she plays a 3-25 Moller and
directs three choirs—adult chorus of 45
voices, children's choir of 37, intermediate of
15, with four soloists. In the bright theater
days Miss Keller had her hand in that as
well, playing a 2-11 in the Lyric, Reading,
again still in her teens. She probably owes
her sane judgment of music to her father,
a band instrumentalist. Miss Keller will now
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Bach, Air for G-String
Have Mercy on Me O God
*Novak, In the Church Bach, Sheep May Safely Graze Brahms, O World I Fen Must Leave Bedell, Elevation *Bach, Blessed Jesus We Are Here Vierne, Elevation Palestrina, Prayer Bach, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring Now May the Will of God Bach, O Sacred Head Karg-Elert, In Paradisum Bach. From God I Ne'er Will Turn Come Sweet Death

Each program included her minister in a Scripture reading and address, and closed with a hymn played immedately after the prayer following the address. And now for the anthems:

Ambrose, O come to my heart Lord Jesus Bach, Sleepers wake a voice is calling O rejoice ye Christians

Beethoven, Heavens are declaring Bennet, God is a Spirit Bortniansky, Cherubim Song Brahms. How lovely is Thy dwelling Buck, Rock of Ages Button, Peace I leave with vou Christiansen, Beautiful Savior Chaffin, Great day of the Lord Coenen, Come unto Me De Koven, Recessional Dickinson, Joseph's lovely garden Song in praise of the Lord For all who watch Bethlehem Song of the Angels An angel came from heaven

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Sanctus
Send out Thy Light
Goss, O Savior of the world
Guilmant, Thee our Savior we adore
Guion, Prayer
Harker, Turn ye even to Me
Hildach, Fairest Lord Jesus
Himmel, Incline Thine ear
Holler, Lead us heavenly Father (juniors)
ar. Kremser, Prayer of Thanksgiving
Liddle, Abide with me
Jennings, Springs in the dessert
Malotte, The Lord's Prayer
Maker, Praise the Lord
Macfarlers Thine Core

Macfarlane, Thine O Lord
Open our eyes
Matthews, Day is gently sinking
Thou wilt keep him
Mendelssohn, How lovely are the
Mozart, Jesu Work of God Incarnate
Mueller, Now thank we all
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Speaks, Let not your heart Jesus my Savior look on me More love to Thee Spinney, Ye that stand in the house Steffe, Battle Hymn of Republific (a great favorite) favorite)
Tallis, If ye love Me
Thiman, King of glory
Thompson, What of the night
Thomson, My Shepherd will supply
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Woods and every sweet-smelling
Whitehead, Come Thou almighty King
Wood, Twilight shadows fall
Woodward, The radiant morn
Yon, Gesu Bambino
T.A.O. is proud of readers like Miss Keller.
Some of her anthems (Buck, Noble, Parker, Schnecker, Spinger, might not go well in a

Schnecker, Spinney) might not go well in a high Episcopal church, but Miss Keller isn't playing in such and has the profound good judgment to remember the people for whom she is playing. Her programs are evidence that she's doing a splendid service in church

BACH'S FERMATA Says Edgar Hilliar of his Feb. 12 recital in Brown Memorial, Baltimore: "I am going to include my own elaboration of Bach's ferinclude my own elaboration of Bach's fer-mata in his Passacaglia. I have done a lot of study & research on this and am convinced that it is correct. I am sure a lot of people will think I am nuts, but so what? If I did not believe it is correct to do, I should never attempt it. I am however convinced that Bach intended such an elaboration of the fermata just before the closing ten or twelve measures in the Fugue. According to Karl Philip Emanuel Bach this was always the practise." It's astonishing that an American recitalist will do his own thinking. Hooray!

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o. Diggle, Fugal Fantasy on Mine Eyes
Scherzo Fughetto on Dixie

o-s. Clokey, Partita Gm

The Symphonietta included 10 players; this was the final program in a series of three, the other two being recitals by Richard Ellsasser and Alexander Schreiner. Each month through the season Mr. Barker gives a cantata or similar musicale, those for the current

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Haydn's "Creation"
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Tchesnokov, Salvation belongeth
Lasso, Echo Song
Sibelius, Vale of Tuoni
Lvovsky, Hospodi Pomiloi
J.Harrison, Marching Along
ar.Bartholomew, Black-Eyed Susie
Italian hunting-song, Canto di Caccia
Kentucky folksong, Down in the valley
Sullivan, Iolanthe March of Peers
Sibelius, Ukko the Fire-Maker
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The concert closed with three Christmas

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"O quam gloriosum"
J.Handl, "Ecce Dominus veniet"
"O admirabile commercium"
Bonamico, "Laudate Dominum"
organ. Ducasse, Pastorale (E.L.)

Victoria, "Caligaverunt oculi mei" "O vos omnes"

"Tamquam ad latornem"
Rachmaninov, "Veneration of the Cross"
Poulenc, "Exultate Deo"
"Messe en sol"

Messe en sol' organ. Mozart, Fantasia Fm (M.S.)
Rehm, "O salutaris"
15th cent., "Adoremus Te"
Schroeder, "Tantum ergo"
Edward Linzel
Frescobaldi, Bergamasca

Boehm, Christe der du Bist Tag Buxtehude, Prelude & Fugue Fsm

Chaconne Em Weckmann, Ach Wir Armen Suender Kirnberger, Herzlich Thut Mich Scheidt, Christ Lag in Todes Banden Walther, Lobe den Herren Kniller, Nun Komm der Heiden Vierne's Sonata 6 KICK HIM OUT

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Boellmann, Ronde Francaise Ciega, Clouds Spencer, Chinese Boy & Bamboo Flute Bedell, Toccata Basse Felton-ar.Wall, Gavot McAmis, Dreams Widor, Son. 2: Finale NOTES

Recitals seem to be improving; there is less of dreary pretending, more honest effort to minister to humanity in music. Outstanding examples of suiting the program to the occasion are those by Dr. Bidwell, Dr. Eigencasion are those by Dr. Didwell, Dr. Liguischenk, Mr. Hamer, Mr. Mayer; for plain good programs for human beings, those by Dr. Diggle, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Young.

Mr. Hamer revived Stoughton's Persian Suite; somebody should resurrect the best of

all Mr. Stoughton's color pieces, his In Fairyland suite-it's superb concert music.

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American composers, and

88 Others. Four organists played programs that totally ignored their fellow Americans. Only one had the courage to play a program without Bach. Bach has become a bad habit. We're afraid to play a program without him, or perhaps we don't know how. Just about as bad as a wife who couldn't cook a meal without steak. Nobody questions the value of either Bach or steak; we're merely pointing to a bad habit that has overcome the organ

Recitals are vital to the welfare of the whole world. To find fault with them & improve them is a fundamental duty. The critical public either flatters us or ignores us; criticism must come from ourselves.—T.S.B. HE DIDN'T LIKE THEM

"Last year I heard a few organ recitals given by wellknown recitalists and most of them pretty horrible.'

CORRECTIONS
November p.385 had the Great & Swell of the Wurlitzer electrotone reversed; sorry.

FRATERNAL NOTES A.G.O. headquarters has set April 30 as

"national A.G.O. Sunday."
Indianapolis Choir Directors Association,
Dale W. Young chairman, has five events in
five churches scheduled for the 49-50 season; sessions include discussions, concerts, a recital (Jan. 16 by Edwin Arthur Kraft), etc. with special emphasis on choir work.

London Organ Club, composed of members who like the organ, issues lengthy mimeo-graphed monthly bulletins on anything of interest; one bulletin noted that the organ in Royal Albert Hall is available for practise at 10 shillings an hour; being interpreted at present dollar rate, \$1.40 an hour.

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AUGUST MAEKELBERGHE resumed his Friday noonday recitals Jan. 13 with an all-Bach program; Jan. 22 he played a program for the Belgian-American Culture Committee of Detroit, playing works by four Belgians (Lemmens, l'Olellet (?), Jongen, Franck) and four of his own compositions; he should be ashamed for adding, "I talked them out of an all-Maekelberghe program." FREDERICK C. MAYER took his West Point Cadet Choir to St. Thomas Church, New York, Feb. 19 for a service that included, in addition to several unaccompanied numbers, a performance of

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